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MINISTER PRENTICE APPOINTS DOUGLAS GEORGE PHILLIPS AS THE NEW YUKON ADMINISTRATOR

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WHITEHORSE (April 05, 2007) - The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, today announced the appointment of Douglas George Phillips as the new Administrator of Yukon, effective immediately. In his role as Administrator, Mr. Phillips will act when the Commissioner is unable to do so, or when the office is vacant.

"I am pleased to welcome Mr. Phillips to the office of Administrator," said Minister Prentice. "He has a distinguished record of public service and I am confident that his extensive experience will benefit the people of Yukon."

For most of his life, Mr. Phillips has lived and worked in Whitehorse. He was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in 1985 and was an active member of the legislature until his retirement in 2000. Since then, he has been active in his community, chaired several boards such as the Central Yukon Assessment Review Board and operated a small tourism consulting business.

Mr. Phillips succeeds former Administrator Geraldine Van Bibber who was appointed as Yukon Commissioner in 2005.

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